REMARKS

Claims 1 – 27 are pending in the application. Claims 1 – 27 have been rejected. Claims 1, 8, 12, and 16 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1 – 11 stand rejected under Ulrich et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,052,735 (Ulrich). Claims 12 – 27 stand rejected under Ulrich, in view of Faris et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,488,359 (Faris). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The present invention generally relates to an architecture which includes a PC system and a PDA system which independently have access to a communication device, thereby allowing either system to communicate and receive messages regardless of the active state of the other system. Figure 4 shows an example of one such system in which the southbridge controller 110 of the PC and the PDA companion 205 of the PDA are coupled to a communication device 400.

More specifically, the present invention, as set forth by independent claim 1, relates to a mobile computing system. The system includes a communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the communication device and a PDA coupled to the communication device. The PC includes a storage device capable of receiving and storing messages from the communication device and a personal digital assistant system (PDA). The PDA includes a storage device capable of receiving and storing messages from the communication device. The storage device of the PC synchronizing messages received from the communication device with the storage device of the PDA.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 8, relates to a mobile computing system. The system includes a communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the communication device, the PC capable of receiving messages through the communication device, and a personal digital assistant system (PDA) coupled to the communication device, the PDA capable of receiving messages through the communication device and synchronizing the messages received through the communications device with the PC.

memory. When a new message is received, if the amount of space available in the memory is less than the size of the new message, a previously stored message is deleted in order to make space for the newly received message in the memory.

Ulrich does not teach or suggest a mobile computing system which includes a communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the communication device and a personal digital assistant (PDA) coupled to *the communication device,* much less such a system in which the PC includes a storage device capable of receiving and storing messages from the communication device and the PDA includes a storage device capable of receiving and storing messages from the communication device, whereby *the storage device of the PC is capable of synchronizing messages received from the communication device with the storage device of the PDA,* all as required by independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Ulrich. Claims 2 – 7 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason.
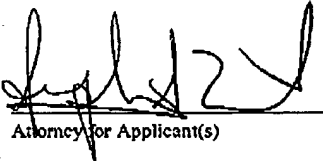
Ulrich does not teach or suggest a mobile computing system which includes a communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the communication device, and a personal digital assistant system (PDA) coupled to the communication device, much less such a system in which the PDA is capable of receiving messages through the communication device and synchronizing the messages *received through the communication device* with the PC., all as required by independent claim 8. Accordingly, claim 8 is allowable over Ulrich. Claims 9 -- 11 depend from claim 8 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Ulrich and Faris, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a method of clearing and archiving messages in a dual system computer architecture which includes a first computer system coupled to a communication device and a second computer system coupled to a communication device, much less such a method which includes receiving and storing messages by the first computer system to a first memory device, synchronizing the messages with the second computer system, whereby the second computer system archives synchronized messages to a second memory device, and *deleting synchronized and archived messages whenever the first memory device is filled,* all as required by independent claim 12. Accordingly, claim 12 is allowable over Ulrich and Faris. Claims 13 – 15 depend from claim 12 and are allowable for at least this reason.
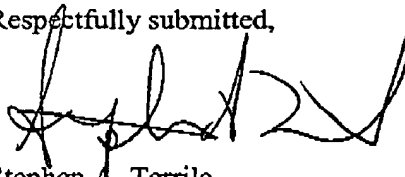
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Ulrich and Faris, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a method of clearing and archiving messages in a dual system computer architecture which includes a first computer system coupled to a communication device and a second computer system coupled to a communication device, much less such a method which includes receiving and storing messages by the first computer system to a first memory device, synchronizing the messages with a second computer system, whereby *the second computer system archives synchronized messages to a second memory device, and informing a user whenever the first memory device is filled,* all as required by independent claim 16. Accordingly, claim 16 is allowable over Ulrich and Faris. Claims 17 – 27 depend from claim 16 and are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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